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SUBJECT: REPORT OF A&B COMMITTEE RESULTS

1. IAEA ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY COMMITTEE MET MAY 3, 4, AND 5 TO CONSIDER SECRETARIAT PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1979, THE ACCOUNTS FOR 1977, AND THE TARGET FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO OPERATING FUND II.
2. CONSENSUS WAS REACHED THAT THE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS AND TRANSMITTAL TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE AGENCY.
3. THERE WAS GENERAL CONCERN AND HAND WRINGING OVER THE SIZE OF THE BUDGET BUT LITTLE IN THE NATURE OF CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR REDUCTIONS. THE ONLY SECTIONS OF THE BUDGET SUBJECT TO SERIOUS CRITICISM WERE COSTS OF OPERATION OF DONAU PARK AND COSTS OF THE TRANSFER TO DONAU PARK. DURING THE DISCUSSION IT EMERGED THAT THE SECRETARIAT HAD AGREED TO ACCEPT THE BUILDING KNOWN

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AS TOWER A-2 BUT THAT THERE IS LITTLE PROSPECT FOR THE AGENCY FILLING THIS BUILDING IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. IT IS UNCLEAR WHAT USE THE AGENCY INTENDS TO MAKE OF THE EXCESS SPACE IN THE MEANTIME. THE NET RESULT WAS GREAT CRITICISM OF THE OPERATING COSTS OF SPACE IN THE DONAU PARK FACILITY. COSTS OF THE TRANSFER WERE CRITICIZED BECAUSE OF THE INCLUSION OF

ITEMS OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE TOTALLY UNRELATED TO THE MOVE TO DONAU PARK, E.G., OFFICE FURNITURE, A COMPUTER, ETC. AT THIS TIME IT IS UNCLEAR JUST WHAT THE DG WILL DO IN RESPONSE TO THE GENERAL CALLS FOR BUDGET CUTS, BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT HE WILL REVIEW THE BUDGET AND MAKE SOME CUTS.

4. THERE WAS A CONSENSUS TO CONTINUE THE WORKING CAPITAL FUND AT TWO MILLION DOLLARS.

5. DISCUSSION OF THE TARGET FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS WAS INCONCLUSIVE AND WILL BE CONTINUED IN FURTHER CONSULTATIONS. THE LDC'S, LED BY AMB. SATTAR OF PAKISTAN CALLED FOR A TARGET OF \$9,500,000, WHILE THE DONOR STATES GENERALLY SUPPORTED A LOWER FIGURE. THE FRG REP WAS THE ONLY DONOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE TO MENTION A FIGURE, WHICH WAS \$7,500,000.

6. UNRELATED TO THE SIZE AND NATURE OF PROPOSED BUDGET BUT OF SIGNIFICANCE TO THE US WAS AMB. SATTAR'S CAMPAIGN TO HAVE THE METHOD OF ALLOCATION OF INDIRECT COSTS OF SAFEGUARDS, E.G., PERSONNEL, B&F, COMMON SOURCES, REVIEWED AND POSSIBLY ALLOCATED TO SAFEGUARDS FOR ASSESSMENT PURPOSES. THE DG WILL PREPARE A STUDY ON THIS SUBJECT FOR THE JUNE BG MEETING.

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